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1. AT INVITATION UNDP AND WHO REPRESENTATIVE,
AMBASSADOR AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITED TRAINING CENTER
FOR HEALTH ASSISTANCETO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT MOGTGORO
JULY 27. CENTER IS UNDP/UNICEF PROJECT, WITH
WHO AND UNICEF AS
EXECUTING AGENCIES. OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE HAS A COORDINATING
ROLE. IT WAS FORMALLY OPENED ABOUT A YEAR AGO (UU DAR ES SALAAM
2376).

2. BRIEFING GIVEN BY CENTER DIRECTOR DR. KISSIGA (PHONETIC), A TANZANIAN NATIONAL WORKING FOR OAU, INDICATED THAT THREE YEAR PROJECT CALLED FOR TRAINING OF 24 MEDICAL ASSISTANTS (3 YEAR COURSE), 20 LABORATORY ASSISTANTS, AND 190 MEDICAL AUXILIARIES (6 MONTH COURSES). LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION IS ENGLISH. FACULTY OF SIX INCLUDES THREE MEDICAL DOCTORS (ONE SOUTH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFRICAN WOMAN). TOTAL ABOUT 85 STUDENTS NOW IN RESIDENCE. AGES VARY FROM AS LOW AS SIXTEEN TO LATE TWENTIES, PERHAPS 20 PERCENT WOMEN. LARGEST SINGLE GROUP REPRESENTED WAS ZANU, WITH SOME NAC AND PAC, AND A FEW SWAPO.

3. RECEPTION BY FACULTY AND STUDENTS WAS WARM AND FRIENDLY. TOUR APPEARED TO COVER ENTIRE AREA OF SMALL (A FEW ACRES)

CAMP, INCLUDING CLASSROOMS, OFFICES, LIVING QUARTERS, STOREROOMS, GARDEN, AND ATHLETIC AREA. BASIC TRAINING ON HANDLING OF WOUNDS INCLUDED IN CURRICULUM AND DORMITORY POSTERS REFLECT MILITANT IDEOLOGY OF STUDENTS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT ACTIVITIES INCLUDED ORGANIZED MILITARY TRAINING OR EVEN PARTICULAR FOCUS ON MILITARY MEDICINE. IN FACT, TRAINING EMPHASIS APPEARED TO BE HEAVILY ON PUBLIC HEALTH. FACILITIES AND SUPPLIES ARE OBVIOUSLY IN SHORT SUPPLY, BUT CLEAN AND WELL MANAGED. ODDS AND ENDS COME FROM ABOUT EVERYWHERE. THEY INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, BASIC MEDICAL INSTRUCTION KITS FROM THE NETHERLANDS, ODD BALES OF BLANKETS FROM DENMARK, JARS AND POTS FROM AUSTRALIA. STUDENTS WEAR A PURPLE-TINGED COAT AND PANTS SUIT CUT IN TRADITIONAL HOSPITAL STYLE MADE ON THE PREMISES FROM LOCALLY MADE CLOTH PICKED UP CHEAPLY BY THE DIRECTOR BECAUSE OF DYE FAILURE IN PROCESSING.

4. THE AMBASSADOR WAS GIVEN A COPY OF THE UNDP PROJECT DOCUMENT (PROJECT NO. NLM/76/001) BY THE LOCAL UNDP REPRESENTATIVE.

FACILITIES AND RESERVES AT THE CAMP SEEM TO CORRESPOND TO THAT DOCUMENT IN EVERY WAY. THE TANZANIAN DIRECTOR, HIS STAFF, AND INDEED THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES APPEARED TO BE UNUSUALLY ATTRACTIVE AND HARD-WORKING PEOPLE, MAKING THE BEST OUT OF WHAT LITTLE THEY HAVE. THEIR DEVOTION SEEMS TO BE PRIMARILY DIRECTED TO DEVELOPING HEALTH SERVICES FOR THEIR PEOPLE NOWTUN REFUGEE CAMPS IN ANGOLA, ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND BOTSWANA, AND LATER FOR INDEPENDENCE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. IN THE EMBASSY'S OPINION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEY DESERVE ALL THE HELP THAT CAN BE GIVEN THEM. SPAIN

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